

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

OCTOBER 31, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Hebrews 12:1-2

Minister: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

All: Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Who, for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMN*

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | No. 92
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

EIN' FEST BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Romans 1.16-17

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about the gospel of Jesus Christ?

All: I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

SONG OF PRAISE

O God Beyond All Praising | No. 660
Stanzas 1-2

THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are a people who constantly turn aside after our idols, ignoring your life-giving statutes and the wise rules of your Word. Our eyes covet the possessions and blessings you have given to our neighbors. Our minds and our mouths are filled with sinful thoughts and words. Our hearts are too attached to things that will rust, break, decay, and die, instead of being devoted to the one who loved us and gave himself for us. Father, be at work in us more and more. Give us the strength, will, and desire to obey and trust you from the heart. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Children's Time

After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.

¹ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain – if indeed it was in vain? ⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith – ⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” – ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

SERMON

Tree and Justification*Dr. Bob Cara*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Power of the Cross

GETTY & TOWNEND

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His Head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, “Finished!” the victory cry.
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see my name written in the wounds for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.

A word to parents: *Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.*

During the bread

Instrumental

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

For All the Saints | No. 358
Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION*

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

SERMON NOTES

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

PPC Women's Fall Bible Study - All Things New: A Study of the book of Revelation

Offered Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11 a.m. (with childcare) AND
Wednesday evenings, 7 – 8 p.m.

Beginning September 15

Led by Alyson Averitt in the PPC building

In this last book of the Bible, God “pulls back the curtain,” in a sense, and gives His people a glimpse of the glorious picture of Christ and of God’s sovereign rule over all of history. Revelation offers great encouragement to the church to persevere in the midst of persecution, as Christ will have the victory. It is a stunning picture of the glories of the new heavens and the new earth, when the dwelling place of God will fully be with His people, and He will wipe away every tear and make all things new. Please email Alyson Averitt at alyson.averitt@providencedallas.com if you have any questions or to sign up.

Men's Bible Studies

“The Discipline of Grace”

Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on September 15

Led by Ken Hargrove (kuhargrove@yahoo.com)

The Exodus

Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at PPC beginning on September 15

* Lunch is provided.

Led by Nate Libby (nate.libby@providencedallas.com)

Young Adults Men's Study - The Gospel According to Luke

Tuesdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at PPC beginning on September 14

Led by Chris Bennett (chris.bennett@providencedallas.com)

Joshua

Fridays at 7 a.m. at PPC beginning on September 24

Led by Graham Averitt, Michael Breed (michael.breed@gmail.com), Teddy Chu, and Joshua Kipp

Youth Studies

This fall, we are looking forward to various Bible studies and gatherings for both our middle school and our high school students! If you have youth (6th-12th grade) who would like to participate, and you would like to know more, please email Nate Libby at nate.libby@providencedallas.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preacher - Dr. Bob Cara

Dr. Bob Cara is the Hugh and Sallie Reaves Professor of New Testament at RTS Charlotte and Provost and Chief Academic Officer for the RTS institution. He has been a professor at RTS for over 25 years. Bob is an ordained minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and he preaches regularly in the Charlotte area. We are thrilled to have Dr. Cara filling the pulpit for us this morning!

WOW November Fellowship

Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, November 3 at 11:45 a.m. at Princi Italia (5959 Royal Lane, Dallas 75230). RSVP to Michele Perry at 361.688.6646 by Monday, November 1. All 60ish ladies are invited to attend!

Weekly Update

If you would like to receive our weekly email that includes announcements, information about Bible studies, and details about upcoming events, please email office@providencedallas.com. We would be happy to include you!

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or would like to speak to a pastor, please send an email to office@providencedallas.com. We would love to connect you with a staff member or officer who can help you.

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